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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Support Staff

ATTENTION : Chief, Security Branch

SUBJECT : Desired Improvements in Security Clearance Notification Procedures

1. The following case history illustrates the shortcomings of the present system for notifying specified NPIC personnel (contract monitors, etc.) about the granting of clearances to contractor personnel.

25X1 2. On 16 January 1967, [] of the Technical Develop-
25X1 ment Staff, while on a routine contract monitoring visit to []
25X1 [] was informed that []
25X1 (who is managing the sub-contract []
[] Imagery Exploitation Program [] had been granted
his long-awaited TOP SECRET clearance by the Agency. This was good news
to the Technical Development Staff because [] lack of a TS clear-
25X1 ance had excluded him from many program planning sessions. In addition it
made it difficult for the [] researchers to tailor their work so as to
meet the needs of NPIC. The TDS was anxiously awaiting the news that this
clearance had been granted.

3. On Wednesday, 18 January [] called the Security Branch
and asked them to verify the fact that [] had been granted the TS
clearance. The word from the Security Branch, however, was that they had
no record of any such action.

25X1 4. On Thursday 19 January [] security
25X1 officer, [] who found the clearance document in his files. He
also relayed the information that the clearance was dated 9 December 1966.
[] then called Security Branch again and was again told that they
had no record of this action. Later in the day they finally did obtain,
from somewhere, the information that the TS clearance for [] had, in
fact, been authorized on the 9th of December.

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5. The main point of this memo is that 40 days passed before TDS was informed of this action! If [] had not received the word, almost by chance, in [] many more days might have passed before TDS was somehow informed of the granting of this clearance.

6. TDS would like to see some improvement in the routine covering these notification procedures.

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